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Applicant : Ann-Kristin Karlsson et al.
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AMENDMENT

In response to the action mailed March 12, 2002 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows:

In the Title:

Please replace the original title "New Composition of Matter" with --Sterile Powders, Formulations, and Methods for Producing the Same--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 8, 10-11 and 39 as follows:

--3. (Amended) A pharmaceutically acceptable powder in the form of dry, finely divided particles having a mass median diameter (MMD) of less than 10 μ m, said dry particles being sterilized and comprising a glucocorticosteroid or ester, acetal, or salt thereof, wherein the glucocorticosteroid or ester, acetal, or salt thereof, comprises an asymmetric acetal structure.--

--8. (Amended) A sterile pharmaceutical formulation comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable powder in the form of dry, finely divided particles, said dry particles being sterilized and comprising a glucocorticosteroid or ester, acetal, or salt thereof, wherein the glucocorticosteroid or ester, acetal, or salt thereof, comprises an asymmetric acetal structure, and wherein at least 80% of the particles have a mass median diameter (MMD) of less than 10 μ m.--

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